



ALEXANDRIA, VA.
MONDAY EVENING, SEPT. 5

The statistics of the prodigious output of cigars and cigarettes in this country for the fiscal year ending June 30 cause the United States Tobacco Journal to reiterate "Are we becoming a cigarette nation?" The reason for this query is in the respective increase in the consumption of cigars and cigarettes. The gain of the paper rolls in an output of 7,852,875,422 was 1,706,583,714, while in the output of 8,139,080,144 cigars which included the small ones sometimes also known as cigarettes, their increase was only 355,718,691. In the case of the cigarette industry the growth was the most phenomenal in ten years. The Tobacco Journal answers its own question by mentioning that the United States already has become a cigarette nation as have several other countries, including staid old pipe smoking Germany.

Surr against District President Feehan, of the western Pennsylvania district 5 of the United Mine Workers and against seven other officers and members of the union, on the charge of conspiracy to preach sedition, was brought by seven coal companies which operate in the Irwin and Westmoreland fields last Wednesday, and the arrest of the accused men was to follow shortly. This is the section where a strike has been in progress since last March. The companies say that more than 10,000 men were thrown out of work and that they have suffered a loss of more than \$1,000,000.

From Molokai, the Hawaiian island set apart for lepers, come the news dispatch to the effect that experiments conducted thereby surgeons of the United States marine hospital service have confirmed the previous announcement of Doctor Clegg, at Manila, that the bacillus of leprosy can be cultivated outside the human body, the first step in the production of a vaccine or curative serum that will render people immune from attack by this terrible scourge. Clegg has been rushed to Molokai to assist in the completion of the work which Doctors Currie, Brinkerhoff and Hollmann have carried along so far successfully.

HALF a billion dollars is added to the available currency of the nation in case of panic emergency, by the ruling of Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh on Thursday, which defines what the government will recognize as "commercial paper." According to the law, this paper should include only notes based on actual commercial transactions, bearing the names of two responsible persons. Secretary MacVeagh holds that notes made by two persons to carry on business and accepted by the banks may be within the intention of the law. The decision will enable the banks to go ahead with plans for large currency associations.

The price of August cotton was forced up to 20 cents a pound on the New York exchange Monday by a bold band of speculating buccanniers, in defiance of the recent indictments of cotton gamblers. And with some variations the price hovered in that neighborhood most of the week. It was the highest point reached since 1873, the reconstruction days, when it sold for as high as 27 cents. The high figure of the raw material is expected to result in a rise in the price of cotton manufactures of all kinds in the near future.

So long as republicans subscribe to the doctrine that they must secure "a reasonable profit" to manufacturers by taxing imports so long will they fail to legislate sensibly on the tariff. It is as false an idea as ever got into a man's head. What business, asks the Philadelphia Record, has the government to secure "profit" to any man or set of men?

Twenty-five thousand operators were thrown out of work when 50 cotton mills in Fall River and Bedfordford shut down on Saturday. And the republicans are boasting that these are the most prosperous times ever!

An extended inquiry shows that there are upward of 400,000 automobiles in the United States, and that many of them were purchased by mortgaging homes. The fools are not all dead.

Connecticut State Fair.

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 5.—The Connecticut state fair opened today with the Grand Circuit meet at historic Charter Oak Park this afternoon as the leading feature. Uhlman, champion trotter of the world, was expected to try to lower his mark. The classic state will be the scene of the first state wide primary to be held in the east. Monday the next week, the voters of Maine.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Correspondence of Alexandria Gazette.

The special squadron, consisting of the cruisers, California, Colorado, Pennsylvania and Washington, sailed from Philadelphia, Pa., for Valparaiso, according to dispatches received at the War Department today. The four ships will represent the United States at the centennial celebration at San Diego, Chile. At the close of the celebration three of the ships will return to Mare Island and the Washington will continue her voyage around the horn of the Atlantic coast.

Army surgeons are on the alert to suppress what appears to be an epidemic of typhoid fever which has broken out in Company A of the first battalion of Engineers at Washington Barracks. There are seven cases under treatment at the Walter Reed Hospital and three suspects under observation. The army surgeons are watching the other men of the company closely for symptoms. It is the opinion of the surgeons that the fever was contracted by the men on the march from the Gettysburg encampment. Two cases appeared within eleven days after the arrival of the troops at the barracks.

Stating that Hinrichs is quarantined only as a matter of safety and precaution, Dr. S. C. Cox, the ball player's physician, today issued a complete denial of the story in circulation to the effect that "grave doubts are entertained for his recovery." Hinrichs was stricken with intestinal paralysis here some days after pitching only one game for the Washington baseball team. He came from California and was considered a "good find" with a brilliant future, by experts. "Hinrichs' condition is most encouraging," said the doctor today, "and although he may never pitch ball again his recovery in every other detail is almost a certainty. Some think that the disease is infectious and Hinrichs is only quarantined as a matter of precaution, not because his condition is most critical." Continuing the doctor said: "It is practically impossible to say when the quarantine will be lifted. The effect of the disease as manifested in Hinrichs is a contraction of the muscles in the left leg. We have undertaken to counteract this through a systematic massage treatment."

With all the government departments closed, Washington celebrated Labor Day with a big field day programme at Benning race track, held under the auspices of the Central Labor Union. One of the features of the day was a race between a horse and an ostrich. The leaders of the American Federation of Labor are in other cities for the day. President Gompers having gone to Kansas City. The Wheeling and Petrel, two of the smallest gunboats of the navy, which are duplicating the voyage of the battleship fleet around the world, arrived at Bombay today, according to advices received at the Navy Department. From there they will come through the Suez Canal heading for Portsmouth. The two boats are of less than one thousand tons each. They left the Pacific coast several weeks ago and reached Bombay without a mishap of any kind.

Motor Races.

New York, Sept. 5.—Chief interest in the double header motor races at Brighton today centered in the four contests in which Barney Oldfield, and George Robertson, two old rivals, were scheduled to meet. In his "Blitzen" Benz, Oldfield predicted that he would set a new world's mark for the mile. While Robertson, in his 90-horse-power Simplex, was confident that he would defeat the daredevil Oldfield the same as he recently did De Palma.

Ben Kirschner, the German pilot of the Humber tractor, Strang with a Fiat Boardley in a Simplex, Wishard in an S. P. O., Howard with a Isotta, Sherwood with a Mercer, Rost and his Black Crow, Ormsby, Igon, Chapple, Robinson and Seery all gave their machines early workout and from the way they sped around the course, some record breaking performances were expected, providing the weather did its share.

The Strike in England.

Newcastle on Tyne, Eng., Sept. 5.—Negotiations between officials of the shipbuilding employers' federation and of the boiler makers' union for a settlement of the trouble that has resulted in locking out of 54,000 men, were commenced today. It is understood that the boiler makers are ready to give the federation guarantees that the agreement of 1909 will be strictly adhered to in the future. Those locked out will probably return to work before the end of the week.

Train Wrecked.

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 5.—Reports here say that the Chicago fast mail on the Illinois Central Railroad has been wrecked at Scales Mound, Wis., one person being killed and seven injured, some seriously. Details are lacking.

Chicago, Sept. 5.—It was announced at the offices of the Illinois Central Railroad here that only one person, Engineer S. Tucker, of Freeport, Ill., was killed in the wreck near Scales Mound, Wis., today, and one person whose name is unknown, injured.

Coming Election in New England.

Boston, Sept. 5.—Politics in New England this week will hold the attention of forecasters, for on the return in Vermont and New Hampshire will be based predictions of more or less value as to the complexion of the next House. Vermont tomorrow holds the first state wide election. New Hampshire tomorrow will be the scene of the first state wide primary to be held in the east. Monday the next week, the voters of Maine.

Observance of Labor Day.

Baltimore, Sept. 5.—Labor day generally observed in Baltimore. Governor Crothers' proclamation, declaring the day a legal holiday in recognition of the toilers was met with enthusiasm. The annual parade of the workers was dispensed with and in its stead numerous outings and picnics were held. The local unionists had a gigantic picnic at Electric Park. Incidentally it may be stated that Congressional candidates were on hand and all made the stock promise. Orphans from the various charitable institutions were great beneficiaries, the little ones being entertained in a manner that made their little hearts glad. There was the usual extra sporting attractions.

Fargo, N. D., Sept. 5.—Labor day in Fargo, the center of practically all of North Dakota, claimed Theodore Roosevelt as the principal feature of its celebration today.

Fifteen thousand people crowded the streets about the Great Northern station when Roosevelt arrived last evening and that same fifteen thousand followed him about all day today, from the hills of Fargo College to Island Park.

Pittsburg, Sept. 5.—Ten thousand men today participated in the Labor day parade. The largest held here in years. Later the marchers attended the dedication of the new Labor Temple where Frank Morrissey, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, John K. Tener, republican candidate for governor of Pennsylvania, and others spoke.

At Greensburg today 10,000 striking miners marched through the streets as a demonstration against the coal operators who have refused to arbitrate.

Chicago, Sept. 5.—Labor day was a paradoxical one in Chicago, the leaders having voted down that feature of past years. When the question was put to union men, they said they were tired spending the entire day on the streets, and besides the expense and the crowd, they were tired of the sporting events for the day.

Detroit, Sept. 5.—Candidates for nominations at tomorrow's general state primary, the first ever to be held in Michigan, today wound up their campaigns with a few scattering Labor day speeches and went home. Senator Burrows and Congressman Townsend, who aspires to the senior son's toga, are claiming victory.

Detroit, Sept. 5.—There was no Labor day parade here today. A big program of athletic games with prizes, open to union members and their families, was scheduled for this afternoon.

Boston, Sept. 5.—With women represented among the officials of the Labor day parade for the first time in the history of Boston, with thirty bands and drum corps, fully 20,000 workers were in line.

Boston's union forces today celebrated their annual holiday. The parade was the largest ever seen in Boston on Labor day.

Cleveland, Sept. 5.—The Forest City celebrated Labor day in customary fashion. The features were an address by Mayor Brand Whitlock of Toledo, big labor parade and a work horse parade.

Cincinnati, Sept. 5.—Sixty-five hundred union workmen marched in Cincinnati's Labor day parade. The marchers belonged mainly to the building trades, the Central Labor Council having decided not to participate.

At Charter Oak Park was so muddy today that the Grand Circuit races scheduled for this afternoon have been postponed until tomorrow. The classic \$100,000 Charter Oak 2:09 trot, the 2:14 trot and 1:13 pace constitutes the card.

Uhlman's scheduled attempt to lower his own world's trotting record of 1:58 1/4 was also put off until tomorrow, track permitting.

Philadelphia, Sept. 5.—Labor day in Philadelphia was observed in the usual manner, the chief event of the day being a parade in which some 10,000 persons participated.

Golf Donounced.

New York, Sept. 5.—The decision of Justice Goff of the Supreme Court that labor unions are guilty of conspiracy when they order a strike to be called by the "closed shop" was bitterly resented by organized labor in its street demonstration today. The Labor day parade was one of the largest ever held in this city, and at the head of nearly every organization was carried a banner denouncing Goff. Some of the strikers closely approached Goff, but no attempt was made to interfere with them. They were the product of the women's trades union league.

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Before the parade started a committee named by the Central Federated Union inspected the marchers. All were compelled to display the union label on their uniforms and badges, and some of the marchers were forced to discard those that did not show publicly that they were the product of union labor. The parade marched down Fifth avenue, and there was a good deal of jeering from the cloak makers as they passed the aristocratic clubs from which the complaints were made against them last week, causing wholesale arrests.

Nationals Defeat Red Sox.

Boston, Sept. 5.—The Nationals defeated the Red Sox this morning by a score of 4 to 1. Hall and Walker were both in good form. Washington made two runs in the fourth on three hits. The feature of the game was Conroy's long fly for a home run, bringing in two runs in the fifth.

Will Keep Trying.

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 5.—"I'll keep trying until I make the trip," said the declaration today of Aviator James J. Frisbie, who plans to fly over Lake Ontario. Frisbie, made three attempts yesterday and the result was three falls into the lake.

SERIOUS CONDITIONS IN ITALY

Thousands of Persons Starving—Unemployed and Desperate Clash with Military.

Milan, Sept. 5.—Virtual martial law prevails today in Barletta, the center of the Italian cholera zone, as the result of yesterday's clash between several thousand starving and unemployed people and the military. Driven to desperation by the rigid rules since the cholera outbreak, mobs broke through the military cordons, stormed the town hall and invaded the hospitals. The wrath of the people was directed chiefly against the doctors and many were forced to seek reinforcements.

When reinforcements arrived, a pitched battle ensued. Some thirty soldiers were wounded, several being shot, when the commander gave the order to charge with bayonets. This resulted in clearing the streets, though a score or more of the rioters were seriously injured.

Men, women and children engaged in the fight. Fifty of the ring leaders were arrested. The disorder was the culmination of a series of alleged abuses from which the people have suffered. Since the cholera outbreak, the importation and sale of vegetables and other fresh foods has been practically prohibited. Peasants suffered for drinking water. The authorities shutting off all supplies not known to be free from infection. These hardships, added to the long standing labor depression and the eviction of thousands for failure to pay extortionate rents, worked the populace into a frenzy. Had reinforcements not arrived, it is believed the mobs would have wrecked the city.

The government has promised to investigate the complaints of the people. Hundreds are now living in caves.

Mayor Gaynor Receptive Candidate.

New York, Sept. 5.—Friends of Mayor Gaynor, who have visited him at his home at St. James, where he is recovering from the effects of an assassin's bullet, say that if nominated as the democratic candidate for governor he will accept. He will not become an active candidate for the nomination, they say, and would prefer to serve his term as mayor, but if "drafted" he will accept, believing he should do all he can to reunite and solidify the party in this state.

The sentiment for Gaynor's nomination by the democratic state convention which meets at Rochester on September 21, is almost unanimous up-state, his friends say. They say that his past pledges that he would serve out his term as mayor will have to be disregarded.

He has so far reformed the city government that he could turn over the work to acting Mayor Mitchell, who is young and ambitious, and would follow in the lines laid down by Gaynor. The latter could, if elected governor, co-operate with Mitchell as mayor.

Democratic politicians, who are not inclined to be sentimental, however, predict that if Gaynor is the democratic nominee for governor, Hearst would run independently against him, which would give the republican candidate a distinct advantage.

Aeroplane in a Fog.

New York, Sept. 5.—Lost in a heavy fog and guiding his aeroplane by sound alone is the latest aerial thriller of which Capt. Thomas S. Baldwin was the central figure. Baldwin made an ascension in his biplane in Garden City yesterday and ran into a dense bank of fog. He lost all idea of direction and could see nothing by which to guide his course. The situation was rapidly becoming desperate, as the aviator was afraid to go ahead and equally afraid to descend. Finally he caught the sound of another aeroplane in the air and directed his course by it, and he soon touched the machine of Harry Harkness, Edwidge Harkness's machine. Baldwin soon got out of the fog and was able to land in safety.

In the Grip of a General Strike.

Madrid, Sept. 5.—Barcelona is in the grip of a general strike today. No newspapers are published, street cars are tied up and business is at a standstill. The government fears that the strike there will result seriously and is preparing to reinforce the garrison. It is feared the Barcelona strike may be extended all over Spain, though the collapse of the Bilbao general strike and the Saragossa strike has given rise to the belief that the threatened nationwide strike will be short lived even if disastrous. At Bilbao only the miners remain on strike.

Stole \$10,820 in Gold.

Tollidre, Col., Sept. 5.—William Irvin, amalgamator at the Libbey Bell mine, was arrested last night on the charge of stealing refined gold, the property of the mine. He confessed to the police that he had stolen \$10,820 worth of gold in the last year.

At the home of a young woman on whom he has been calling policemen found \$2,931 worth of gold in their nine weeks' strike.

Given her. He represented to her, she said, that it was his and that he wanted her to keep it for him.

Lovered Record.

Brighton Beach, Sept. 5.—In the presence of a big crowd, in the very first event today, Barney Oldfield, in his giant Benz car, clipped two-fifths of a second off the world's record for a circular track, covering the mile in 50 2/5 seconds.

Oldfield took the track at the pistol and was never headed. Ben Kirschner, in his Darracq was second, and George Robertson in a Simplex finished third.

Steamer on the Rocks.

New York, Sept. 5.—Losing his way in the dense fog that enveloped the sound late last night Capt. Baldwin, of the steamer Sea Gull, with 600 passengers on board, ran the vessel on the rocks off Cat Briar Island. Efforts to float the old steamer proved futile. It was reported that there was an incipient panic on board, but it was quickly quelled by the officers. An extra steamer today took off the passengers.

Make a note now to get Ely's Cream Balm if you are troubled with nasal catarrh, hay fever or cold in the head. It is purifying and soothing to the sensitive membrane that lines the air passages. It is made to overcome the disease, not to feed the germ. Ely's Cream Balm gives relief. There is no cocaine nor mercury in it. Do not be talked into taking a substitute for Ely's Cream Balm. All druggists sell it. Price 25c. Made by Ely Bros., 50 Warren Street, New York.

Girls Confesses to Theft.

Paterson N. J., September 5.—Declaring that they were forced to steal in order to buy food and clothing, Helen Cambarlitch, sixteen years old; and her sister, Sophie, ten years old, pleaded in the police court yesterday not to be sent to prison. Annie was arrested Saturday night in a department store. When searched at Police Headquarters by the matron it was found that she had a large quantity of woman's apparel concealed about her person. She confessed that she had been stealing from stores for several weeks, and implicated the other two girls with whom she lived at No. 91 Spruce street. Annie said her home was in Wade, Pennsylvania. The police found a great variety of goods at the Spruce street home. They included dresses, lace, household utensils and fancy postcards, said to have been stolen from a number of stores. Helen Marshall spent the night at headquarters, but the younger girl was paroled until yesterday, when she was discharged, but her sister Annie Cambarlitch was fined \$10 each.

Girl Admits Man in Jail is Innocent.

Elizabeth, N. J., Sept. 5.—Through a confession made today by Mary Daley, 13 years old, of Price street, the fact has been disclosed that George B. Cuffine has served one year in the county jail without just reason. The Daley girl was principal witness in a case of the state against Cuffine tried here more than a year ago. A friend of Mary Daley brought serious charges against Cuffine. On the day of her testimony Judge Axtator sentenced Cuffine to two years in the state prison. The case was appealed by W. S. Willson, attorney for Cuffine, but the latter not being able to furnish bonds, had to remain in jail for a year. A few nights ago Sigmund Wolf, a tailor, was arrested on a charge made by the Daley girl. The next day she confessed that the charge she made against Wolf was false. Probation Officer Charles W. Irwin quizzed her Saturday and she admitted that the charges made against Cuffine were also false. Mr. Willson has taken steps to have Cuffine's sentence set aside.

Dies for Love of Master.

Clinton, N. J., Sept. 5.—"Sandy," a handsome Collie dog, lost his life yesterday for love of his master. He was owned by Benjamin N. Robertson, who left yesterday for South America, to go on a year. During Mr. Robertson's preparations for his journey, "Sandy" was dissatisfied and so that he would not witness his master's departure, the dog was taken to the home of a friend at Fairfield, Saturday. Yesterday the dog bolted and ran to his home. He sniffed around the piazza for a moment, and then started for the Lackawanna station. A train was pulling out and the dog attempted to board the second coach from the rear, in which his master was seated. He jumped on the steps, lost his footing and fell to the tracks. The wheels passed over his body.

Chickens and Diphtheria.

Mays Landing, N. J., Sept. 5.—Diphtheria has afflicted the family of William Thomas, and a nine-year-old daughter, the first to contract the disease, was buried yesterday without religious services. Two other children are in a critical condition. As neighbors children played with the sick ones up to the time they were quarantined, a general outbreak is feared, and the opening of school in the district may be postponed. A daughter was born to Mrs. Thomas just after the quarantine sign was tacked to the house. The children are thought to have taken the disease from some pet chickens which died from croup a week ago.

Repudiates Cannon.

Titusville, Pa., Sept. 5.—Congressman Arthur L. Bates, from the twenty-fifth congressional district, who is now a candidate for re-election, openly announced last night that if elected he would not support Joseph G. Cannon for speaker at the next session of congress.

Bates was a regular during the sixty-second congress, and during the fight in the House last spring voted to retain the Cannon gag rules.

It is a safe bet that Bates, if re-elected, will vote to Cannonism, although he repudiates Cannon personally now that the latter has no chance of getting the speakership again.

Bates is being hard pressed in his campaign for re-election, and his declaration is recognized as "one of policy."

May Outlaw this Union.

Pottsville, Pa., Sept. 5.—Proceedings are now in progress to ask the United States Courts to declare the International Brewery Workers' Association an illegal organization. Lawyer William Wilhelm has been retained for this purpose. The complainants aver that the Pottsville Brewery Workers, a subsidiary organization of the International Association, expelled George Bausbach, a member in good standing, because he exposed theft and graft at Rettig's Brewery, Pottsville. An appeal was made to the International Association, which has headquarters at Cincinnati, but no action was taken. It is said there are several presidents for the movement to declare the association an outlaw organization.

Bloodhounds Caught Wife Slayer.

Hattiesburg, Miss., Sept. 5.—Arthur Watson, a traveling photographer, recently of Sumrall, Miss., shot and killed his wife, Nora, and dangerously wounded his mother-in-law, Mrs. John McCulloch, in a family dispute here yesterday. Watson attempted to escape but was pursued by officers with bloodhounds and captured near the scene of the crime.

MARRIED.

In Washington, D. C., Friday evening, September 2, 1910, by Rev. W. L. Lynn, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Mr. FRANK W. DEETON and Miss FLORENCE VIRGINIA PULLMAN, both of this city.

DIED.

A. P. M., Sunday, September 4, 1910, at the residence, 301 South St. street, Mrs. ISABELLA GRAHAM GREGORY, daughter of Abner Gibson, of Middleburg, and widow of the late S. G. Gregory, died at the age of 79. Funeral from the residence, Tuesday at 4 p. m. Friends of the family invited. Interment in the cemetery near the Washington papers and Northern Neck News please copy. sep-5

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Governor Mann has designated Judge J. B. T. Thornton of Manassas to hold the regular term of the circuit court of King George county for Judge John E. Mason, who is ill. The term begins today.

In a jail delivery at Staunton on Saturday George Brown, Jim Fitch and John Henry, all colored, escaped by breaking the grating at a second-story window and letting themselves down by blankets.

The Paul M. Rice farm in Stafford, containing 117 acres, has been purchased by H. A. Stewart, R. M. Colvin, of Alexandria, and W. E. Duffey, of Baltimore. It will be developed as a fruit, berry, and truck farm. Mr. Duffey will be manager.

A charter has been granted to the Berryville Ice and Refrigerating Company (Inc.), Berryville, W. F. Lewis, president and general manager; S. F. Baughman, Charles Blencowe, John B. Neill, secretary and treasurer—all of Berryville, Va., Capital: Maximum, \$50,000; minimum, \$10,000. Objects: Operating a refrigerating plant to deal in produce, ice, fruit, fish, etc.

With the high price of cotton assigned as the cause of its embarrassment, the Williamsburg Knitting Mill Company Saturday became a voluntary bankrupt in the Federal Court in Norfolk under amended statutes permitting voluntary bankruptcy, except to municipal, railroad, insurance and bonding corporations. Liabilities are placed at \$82,665, with assets scheduled at \$113,625.

Beginning the fight of the farmers of Virginia against the so-called farmer lien trust, a meeting has been called, to be held in Richmond in October, to organize a co-operative factory from which share-holders will be supplied at cost. Other farmers will be sold fertilizer at a price to be fixed by the board of directors of the manufacturing company.

Violent Wind Storm.

One woman and two children were fatally injured, two score others were slightly hurt and property damage amounting to more than \$250,000 was done in the western part of the mining district of Missouri Saturday night by a violent wind storm.

The storm was most violent at Galea, Kan., eight miles west of Joplin, Ill., where Mrs. James Hampton and her two small children were fatally injured when their home was demolished. Ten mining plants in that district were destroyed. Plate-glass windows were broken and buildings unroofed. The total loss in and near Galea will reach \$150,000.

A pleasure boat plying between Joplin and Galea received the full force of the wind. A 90-foot illuminated tower which was blown across two streets into the water. Some boys in the vicinity were blown slightly hurt. Mining plants in all parts of the district suffered damage. The storm lasted 15 minutes, and was followed by a heavy rain.

CHILD BITTEN BY RATTLESNAKE.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bright, farmers, who live in the neighborhood of Johnson, took their 3-year-old daughter, Vera, to the field with them while they worked. The child wandered away from the parents a considerable distance and was bitten on the leg by a rattlesnake. When the snake bit her she screamed for her mother, and upon the parent reaching the child the little one said a "long mouse" had bitten her. The imprints of the snake's fangs were pronounced. The father ran to the house with the child, took his razor and made incisions in the wound and sucked the poison from the same. In the meantime the mother had telephoned for the doctor, who, upon arriving, found his work reduced to the minimum owing to the prompt action of the thoughtful father. (Omaha Bee.)

EITHER HAND GOOD IN ARMY.

By formal action of the War Department any doubt as to discrimination against left-handed candidates for the army has been removed. In preparing recently to make a nomination for West Point a congressman asked the department if the fact that his nominee was left-handed would operate as a bar to his admission to West Point.

As the question never before had been raised, the surgeon general of the army was asked for an opinion on the subject. That official reported that a left-handed cadet may not properly be considered as physically disqualified. It was noted that at West Point who were left-handed, but this fact seems never to have occasioned comment. They probably acquired the use of the right hand, so essential to the uniformity of movement necessary in military organization.

HOPE FOR WOMAN LEPER.

Mrs. Providencia Mascari, an Italian, of Baltimore, who was removed to quarantine last May, suffering from leprosy, has improved to such an extent, according to a report by Dr. Thomas L. Richardson, quarantine physician, that she may be completely cured by Christmas.

Dr. Richardson said yesterday that the sores are rapidly disappearing and that only a few spots remain. He confesses surprise at the rapid change in the woman's condition. Health Commissioner Bosley says if the woman is declared cured by Dr. Richardson he will order her release.

When Mrs. Mascari was taken to quarantine it was thought she could live only a short time. Dr. Richardson has been experimenting with the woman with certain medicines for the treatment of skin diseases, but he does not insist that the improvement in her condition is being brought about by this treatment.

About 250 signalmen employed on the Buffalo division of the New York Central went on strike at midnight following the refusal of officials of the road to receive a grievance committee from the men.

In buying a cough medicine, don't be afraid to get Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There is no danger from it, and relief is sure to follow. Especially recommended for coughs, colds and whooping cough. Sold by W. F. Creighton and Richard Gibson.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Coal dust is said to be responsible for the most serious mine explosions.

C. W. Post, of Battle Creek, Mich., has filed suit in St. Louis to prevent the consummation of the deal between the Buck Stove Company and the Federation of Labor.

James L. Hutchinson, formerly a partner of Phineas T. Barnum, and one of the veteran circus men of the country, died at his summer home at Shelter Island on Saturday. He was born 64 years ago at Jerseyville, Ohio.

Rev. John B. Wand, pastor of a Catholic church at Meppen, Calhoun county, Ill., has been unfrocked and dismissed from the church by Bishop Ryan, of Alton, on complaint of Miss Anna Maria Schumacher, who alleges that she was deceived to this country from her home in Germany and offered indignities by the priest.

William C. Drury, employed as postal clerk in the Postoffice Department in Washington, shot his eight-year-old son, William Bernard, early yesterday morning at his home in Brentwood. After Drury had been placed under arrest he declared that he knew nothing of his actions during the period when he shot his boy, and appeared rather indifferent to the whole situation. The boy is not dangerously wounded.

THE KRUPP WORKS.

The size and growth of the greatest single manufacturing plant in the world, that of the famous steel plant of the Krupps at Essen, Germany, has been made the subject of a special investigation and report by Richard Guenther, American consul general at Frankfurt. On May 1, 1910, the Krupp company employed in its works at Essen, Rheinhausen, Annen, Kiel and Magdeburg 62,145 men, besides 6,540 officials and clerks in its business staff, a total of 68,685.